

DECEMBER 20, 2010

A Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 8:06 p.m. on December 20, 2010 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Council President Donovan presiding.

Council President stated that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 22, 2009.

Council President welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas

Absent: None

Also present was Borough Attorney James Kinneally and Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio

Council President Donovan amended the regular meeting agenda to add T&M Associates.

**APPOINTMENT:** Borough Engineer, Mr. Charles Rooney read the Engineer's report dated December 20, 2010.

Council Member Lee explained that the I-Boat project will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Lot.

Mr. Rooney was dismissed at 8:15 p.m.

Borough Auditor Allen Shechter handed out some worksheets to the council. He went over the amount in surplus and advised that the Borough could probably put back \$30,000 from excess rent. He stated that there was \$38,000 which was reserve from 2009 which would lapse by law into the surplus. He stated that the Borough anticipates cancelling about \$100,000 of appropriations and that the bulk of that was from the 2010 budget. He advised that the Borough had to put in an amount for principal and interest for the water plant and that would lapse into surplus also. He stated that there was approximately \$13,500 miscellaneous revenue which is from permits, taps, meter repairs and other things like that. He stated that by the end of 2010 the borough should have \$299,000 in surplus, which is about \$50,000 less than the year before. He advised that the borough is proposing to use \$199,767.85 for this year's budget and that this would leave about \$100,000 in surplus.

Mr. Shechter went over the sheets that were handed out to the council. He stated that the original increase would have been 18% in water/sewer rates, but Tom Nicastro, Joe DeIorio and himself went through the figures and revised them to bring down the increase to 12.5% increase. He stated that this would bring up the service charge to \$504 a month and the gallon is charged to \$3.78. He advised that last year there was a 12.5% increase. He stated that this is not the budget that the council will be voting on and put into place next year. He stated that this is to get an idea if the rates have to be raised.

Council President Donovan asked Mr. Shechter if the Borough is still exploring what is going to happen with the money that was borrowed that we might not spend on the water treatment plant. He advised that the original estimate for the water treatment plant was around \$7 million so the Borough borrowed \$6.7 million from the NJEIT. He stated that when the bids came in for the water treatment plant it was \$3.8 million considerably less than the estimate.

Council Member Connolly asked if the Borough is paying on a \$6.7 million principal even though the money is not being used.

Mr. Shechter stated that that was what was bonded and that is our debt.

There was a discussion on what amounts are in this increase and if they are charged to the correct place.

Council President Donovan advised that the ordinance will be introduced tonight and the hearing will be on December 30, 2010.

Council Member Connolly stated that she believes that it should not be introduced tonight because no one has seen the water/sewer budget. She stated that she wants detailed explanations of each of these lines. She stated she wants to know everything that has gone into each of these estimates.

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Council President Donovan stated that from now until the 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. DeIorio will get all the information to the council. He stated that Council Member Connolly can vote against the introduction of this ordinance if she so wishes.....

Council Member Connolly stated "you bet I will vote against introducing it"

Council President Donovan stated that from now until the 30<sup>th</sup> Council Member Connolly will be able to get the information to vote on it on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing.

Council Member Connolly reiterated that she believes that the ordinance should not be introduced tonight.

Borough Administrator DeIorio stated that Mr. Nicastro, himself and the Borough Auditor went through each sub-account and the consumption numbers. He wants the public to know that the consumption numbers are very high this year. He stated that his concern is that the Borough is using more in surplus and the balance will diminish. He advised that the council should be cautious in how they determine the operating line items for the purposes of regenerating surplus. He stated that if the surplus is not regenerated for 2 years the Borough will have an opportunity to have a deficit. He stated that if there is a deficit it would have to be born through the current budget. He advised that he will supply all the council members with the information that they need. He stated that the operating budget was reviewed, the salary and wages were determined based on the contractual increases for the public works department and with the administrative staff. He stated that if the rate is not struck before year end the issue that is going to happen next year is that whether or not we can re-capture those additional revenues by passing a rate increase later.

There was continued discussion with regards to what amounts are charged to water/sewer budget and the process of the rate increase.

There was a discussion on the NJEIT amount of \$6.7 million and what will happen when the loan comes in lower than the requested amount.

Council President Donovan advised that with the new plant there will be an increase in costs by using the tablets and not chlorine gas. He also stated that it is a safer way to treat the water than with chlorine gas.

Mr. DeIorio went over certain line items for the council.

Council Member Lee stated that if the ordinance is introduced the Borough will put into effect the sharing of additional information for a full discussion, and then the council will be able to adjust the rate on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Borough Attorney Kinneally advised that if the ordinance is introduced tonight with a certain proposed rate increase. If things happen between now and the second hearing that change it, you can vote this ordinance down and re-introduce the new rates.

Borough Auditor Shechter stated that the increase for the new plant is 16% which is the cost of the budget for the debt the interest, principle and the fees. He stated that other areas are getting cut to try and compensate for that increase.

Council President Donovan stated that it is \$65 per household for a year and a \$.21 per 1,000 gallon increase on the water.

There was a discussion on the amount of money that was borrowed for this project.

Borough Auditor Shechter stated that if the ordinance is not introduced tonight the Borough will not have the rates to bill the residents. He stated that the billing usually goes out around January 19<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the rate needs to be in place in order to send out the billing. He stated that if the bills go out later then the borough will run into a cash flow problem because the Borough collects about \$500,000 a quarter.

Council Member Connolly asked why can't the bills go out with the old percentage on it and then change it.

Borough Auditor Shechter stated that you can do that but now the Borough would be trying to collect the increase over three quarters instead of 4 quarters and the percentage has to be higher to make up for that collection. He stated that even if the percentage went down it will still have to be increased for the 3 quarters to make up the difference.

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November 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

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**Work Session/Budget Meetings - 9:00 a.m.**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
179-2010**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Zoning Board Chairman John Burke and the Board Attorney that the following application has been closed and any unused funds returned back to the applicant:

Amoroso (Carlson's Corner), 432 First Avenue Blk 187/25.01

**AND WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the amount of unused escrow funds is \$387.50.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan, State of New Jersey that the Borough authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to return any unused escrow funds to the applicant as indicated above.

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
181-2010**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

**WHEREAS**, refunds for overpayments on the following tax bills are due on the below described property in the amount designated as follows:

BLOCK: 184.03 LOT: 10 NAME: Charles Loftus

PROPERTY LOCATION: 568 Whiting Avenue

AMOUNT OF REFUND: \$250.00

REASON FOR REFUND: Homeowner was granted a veteran's deduction for 2010 after the taxes were paid in full.

REFUND CHECK TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Charles Loftus  
568 Whiting Avenue  
Manasquan, NJ 08736-3506

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has certified that the current property owner is entitled to the refund.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the said amount to the above listed property with said warrant to be charged against the General Ledger.

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
180-2010**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
MANASQUAN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,  
APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SHORE COMMUNITY  
ALLIANCE COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Brielle, Manasquan, Sea Girt and Spring Lake Heights participate in the Shore Community Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and;

**WHEREAS**, funding for the Shore Community Alliance comes, in part, from a grant provided by the County of Monmouth and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the grant requirements established by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the County of Monmouth, the Borough of Manasquan is required to appoint a Municipal Alliance Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2010, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that the following individual is appointed to the Shore Community Alliance Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2011:

Manasquan: Mary Plaine - 369 Beachfront

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
182-2010**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPOINTING VALERIE  
BILLS AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to re-appoint Valerie Bills as Tax Collector for the Borough of Manasquan; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 provides that the Municipal Tax Collector shall be appointed for a four-year term from the first day of January next following appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, to reappoint Valerie Bills as Tax Collector for the Borough of Manasquan as of January 1, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

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1. That the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby re-appoint Valerie Bills as Tax Collector for the Borough of Manasquan as of January 1, 2011 for a term of four years in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142, said term ending on January 31, 2014.
2. Based on the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.8 including Valerie Bills initial appointment and her subsequent re-appointment, she is hereby granted tenure in the position of Tax Collector.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Valerie Bills and the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Manasquan.

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
188-2010**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manasquan's Personnel Policy #33 "Leave Policy" requires approval from the Mayor and Council for vacation carry over for Department Heads, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Department Heads have the following 2010 vacation days and are requesting to carry them over to 2011 as permitted by policy.

Thomas Nicastro	28 Days
Patrick Callahan	6 Days
Marie Higgins	24 Days
Dan Scimeca	28 Days
Barbara Ilaria	7 Days
Joseph DeIorio	4 Days

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan authorize the carry over of the unused 2010 vacation days to 2011 as per Borough Policy.

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
183-2010**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manasquan is desirous of appointing Seasonal Laborers for the Department of Public Works for the purpose of snow plowing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on this 20th day of December, 2010 appoint the following Department of Public Works employees to work from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 :

- Drew Coder 119 Church Street, Manasquan at the rate of \$15.00.
- Ryan Dullea 115 Main Street, Manasquan at the rate \$15.00

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
RESOLUTION  
185-2010**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan that all individuals serving in an appointed position expiring on December 31, 2010 shall continue to serve in said capacity until such time appointments for the Year 2011 will be made.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, IN THE County of Monmouth, New Jersey (not less than three (3) members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

1. All bills or claims as reviewed and approved by the Administration & Finance Committee and as set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved for payment.
2. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to sign checks in payment of bills and claims which are hereby approved.

The computer print-out of the list of checks will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

CURRENT FUND	50,017.87
WATER/SEWER FUND:	13,367.35
BEACH FUND. :	14,249.13
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND:	181,164.68
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL FUND:	248,449.60
BEACH IMPROVEMENT FUND:	

Council Member Bossone made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, "no" none.

#### **ORDINANCES**

The Borough Attorney read the title of ordinance #2077-10 for introduction.

#### **BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN ORDINANCE NO. 2077-11**

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 22-2 (BASE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATE) AND 22-3 (WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGE) OF CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND USAGE CHARGES IN THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Council Member Bossone made a motion to introduce ordinance #2077-10, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion resulted in a tie by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Lee. "No" Council Member Connolly, Grasso, Lucas

Borough Attorney Kinneally stated that the first reading and introduction failed by a 3 to 3 tie. He stated that there needs to be a majority of those present for it to move forward.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes for 10/4/2010 and 10/18/2010  
Work Session Meeting Minutes for 10/4/2010 and 10/18/2010

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Lee, Lucas, "no" none. Council Member Connolly and Grasso abstained from voting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law and Code Committee – Council Member Grasso wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Member Grasso made a motion to reimburse Patrick Callahan the amount of \$1,241.00 for taking the building inspector RCS classes and book fees, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, "no" none.

Council Member Lee made a motion that Patrick Callahan follow protocol where an employee is sent for training they fulfill the obligation all the way through any certification exam that might be a result of that training and reimburse the borough if he does not follow through with the certification, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, "no" none.

Council Member Grasso continued with his report. He stated that this year under the Uniform Code and Law the Borough introduced and approved to increase construction fees and hire Patrick Callahan as Department Head for Code and Law. Approved 2010 Code and Law budget at \$121,538 and advised that the 2010 Revenues are at \$203,132 which is an increase of \$81,594 from last year into the general fund. He stated that is a 67% increase. He stated that the approved budget for court is \$201,568, the revenues for the year to date are at \$419,211. He stated that this is down by 17% from last year. He stated that the minutes on the website were introduced and approved by council. He stated that the Grease Trap Ordinance was approved by the council and that the Taxi Ordinance will be re-visited in January. He thanked Council Member Connolly, Finance and Personnel Committee, for the commendable job and hard work they did in hiring our new Administrator/CFO Joe DeIorio, the new Code and Law enforcer, Patrick Callahan, plus the continued review process for the Borough Attorney position, as well as her assistance working with the Code and Law Committee. He stated that many hours of research was put in by Council Member Connolly and the committee members that report to the chair heads to accomplish these goals. He stated that he believes that this committee did a good job.

Administration and Finance Committee – Council Member Connolly stated that the Administration and Finance Committee is responsible for the Borough financial dealings for the examination of all vouchers, budget preparation, and budget management except the water/sewer and beach budgets. The Finance department has processed 98 deeds this year, in addition 2,172 purchase vouchers were processed. The receipts of taxes collected were estimated to be \$24 million and that 52.1% of that was distributed to the Board of Education, 23.5% distributed to the County for its general budget, library and open space and health taxes, 21.7% was retained by the Municipality for its general budget and open space program, 2.8% distributed to the Fire District. She stated that the collection rate for taxes is good and remains at a little over 98.5%. She stated the Borough has 25 pre-foreclosure notices, 9 tax appeals, and 5 sale of tax liens. She stated that the Borough Clerk's office collected revenue in the amount of \$382,120. She advised that budget deliberation for 2011 will begin shortly and the public is invited to these meetings. These meetings will begin on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 9 a.m. in Borough Hall. She stated that this was a year of negotiations for all the unions. She stated that the office employees and public works unions have settled, the contract covered a 3 year period with a 2% increase of salary each year. Payment by employees of 1.5 % for health, decrease in personal days from 5 to 4, elimination of longevity for new hires, elimination of payment by the Borough for Flexible Health Benefits. She stated that the Borough is waiting for the binding arbitration decision for the police contract. She advised that the Dispatchers and Crossing Guard contracts have not been settled yet. She stated that the Managers and Department Heads have received the same settlement as mentioned above. She stated that there were many interviews this year with the retirement of John Trengrove, Colleen Scimeca, and Neil Hamilton. She stated that she is very pleased that they have been filled by Joe DeIorio as Administrator/CFO, Barbara Ilaria as Borough Clerk, and Patrick Callahan the Code Enforcement Officer. She advised that this is the year of the census which is required by the US Government and is taken every 10 years. She stated that the Borough has encouraged active participation by our residents and the results will be published tomorrow December 21, 2010. She stated that she would like to thank all of the volunteers who serve this borough government and the community for improving the quality of our life in Manasquan. She stated that a very special tribute should be made to Manasquan resident, Xander Bossone for celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday in a very unique way. She stated that he collected food for the food bank on Sunday.



Public Safety & Recycling Committee – Council Member Lucas read a memo from Police Chief Scimeca with regards to the 2010 State Wide Crackdown on Drunk Driving. He stated that the police department participates in this program every year. He stated that for 2010 there was 1 robbery, 44 assaults, 20 burglaries, 143 larceny, and 2 arson. He stated that in certain areas there was a marked increase in report of crime. He advised that the enforcement activity for 2010 was 1,766 moving traffic summonses up 14.2%, 1,604 parking traffic summonses down 1.8%, 587 borough ordinance summonses down 17.8%, 53 DWI arrests up 212% from last year, 12 CDS arrests down 14%, 152 criminal arrests up 4.8%, total arrests were at 288 up 5.1%. He advised that the other activities for the 2010 year were 180 motor vehicle accidents, 14,103 total call for service which includes first aid calls, alarm calls, etc up 4.8%. He advised that there are a few community affair programs which include where the police walk through the schools throughout the day, every day. He stated that there is a special needs program, photo ID program, project child safe, and internships. He advised the school program consists of DARE and throughout the year there were lecture presentations. Special traffic programs that the police department were involved in were Click it or Ticket, Over the Limit Under Arrest, Bike Safety initiative. He stated that the number of crimes reported in Manasquan remained low in 2010, however there was an increase of 20% of number of criminal offenses. He stated that there was a slight increase 3.2% in the number of traffic summonses issued and that there was a significant increase in the number of DWI arrests. He advised that Manasquan Police Department and the surrounding towns met with school officials and other community leaders to seek strategies to try and abate the number of suicides by students in the recent years. He advised that there was a retirement of a patrolman and a sergeant which resulted in significant overtime. He stated that there was one patrolman hired which brought the regular staffing level to 17 officers. He stated that he would like to commend the police department for the excellent job that they do.

Council Member Lucas stated that he is also the liaison to recycling and has a breakdown from the Superintendent of Public Works. He stated that he was really surprised on some of the tonnage that goes through the borough yard. He stated how many tons of cardboard, mixed papers, newspaper, other paper, glass, aluminum containers, steel containers, plastic containers, heavy iron, aluminum scrap, white goods, batteries, and used motor oil. He advised that all this tonnage was recycled from 2009 into 2010. He stated that this report runs from July 2009 to July 2010. He wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Public Property and Parks Committee – Council Member Lee thanked all the workers at Borough Hall for a great job. He specifically wanted to thank the ones in attendance, Joe DeIorio, Barbara Ilaria, Carmen Triggiano, John Keynton, and Tom Nicastro. He thanked Pat Connolly and Joe Bossone as part of this committee. He informed the audience of some of the projects that this committee has worked on, such as Stockton Lake Park, revamped the macadam walkway erosion at the Coast Guard Station, Stockton Lake Boulevard by the Alice Hemphill Sanctuary, corner of Warner and Perrine Avenues. Additionally, Mac Pond's silt trap was dredged, the geese problem specific to Mac's Pond, Borough Hall power washing and painting, back entrance of Borough Hall walkway has been re-graded, Curtis Park basketball court repair, DCI/Recreation building had some renovations completed, Squan Plaza fountain restoration, In-line Hockey Agreement was extended for an additional 3 years, bulk head project that a grant is being pursued, Third Avenue project of the parking lot, and NJ Clean Energy Audit. He stated that NJ Transit is trying to sublet and lease the parking lot for a revenue stream. He stated that the Borough is against that because it will be a hardship to our neighborhoods.

Council Member Lee advised that he is also the liaison to the Shade Tree Commission. He stated that this is a commission that brings quality of life to Manasquan. He advised that this commission is doing a great job with Paul Nielsen as chair.

Council Member Lee advised that he is also the liaison to the Board of Education. He stated that the time and energy that is put into providing a quality education to our children is catamount to our taxes, to our quality of life here, and making Manasquan attractive.

Council Member Lee thanked Joe Bossone for his 3 year tenure. He advised that Mr. Bossone approached this job with unending devotion to the town, his passion, his integrity to do it right all in an effort to make the town better. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Works Committee – Council Member Donovan stated that the Glimmer Glass Project Phase I is wrapping up, Phase II involves fixing roadways, storm water problems, flood water problems in the Glimmer Glass area. He stated that Phase II will begin after NJ Natural Gas is done in the area weather permitting. He stated that the Virginia Avenue project was wrapped up this year, just paper work now. He stated that T&M was chosen to be the engineers for the new Water Treatment Plant and that T&M

submitted all the paperwork for the project in a timely manner. He advised on the Central Avenue Project, through the efforts of T&M Associates, was able to get a \$200,000 plus grant to help defray the cost of the project. He stated that there is a grant application in to repair the infrastructure and paving on Blakey Avenue. He advised some of the purchases of the DPW such as the truck wash pad, which is an interlocal with Brielle. He thanked Tom Nicastro of the DPW, Patrick Callahan from the Code Department, Don Grasso from Law and Code Committee and the Department of Public Works Committee for getting a grease trap ordinance passed. He informed the audience of some of the maintenance programs such as the fall leaf season recently ended, garbage and recycling containers have been replaced in town, at the inlet, Stockton Lake, and other locations in town. The water department and T&M Associates conducted a valve exercise program and a valve inspection program to make sure that in the event of a catastrophic failure of our water system that the Borough would be able to get water from either Brielle, Sea Girt, Wall, or NJ American if need be. He advised about the fire hydrant replacement, this year 9 fire hydrants were replaced and that the total replaced since 2006 is 38. The electronic equipment recycling containers have been ordered for the recycling center which is another mandate. He advised that the Borough can not deliver electronic equipment to the landfill any more and that all electronic equipment can be brought to the recycling center and there will be a container for them. He stated that the DPW has introduced a preventative maintenance program for the pumps at the sewer lift stations throughout town. He stated that there were inflow preventers installed under the sanitary sewer system manhole covers to prevent storm water and flood water from getting into the sanitary sewer system and that since these covers were installed the Borough has saved water, rates are down and the flow is down. He advised that the Borough's cost will be lower than last year. He advised that John Keynton is attending the Certified Recycling Coordinator classes and congratulated him for his promotion and salary increase that was approved tonight. He stated that there were two water department employees who have completed water plant operator training and they are awaiting there stated licenses. He advised that the Recreation Commission had a very successful year with their programs for 2010 and that the Commission continued their successful Community Center fundraising events. He advised that the Shore Community Alliance which partners with Brielle, Sea Girt, Spring Lake Heights continue to operator in this worthwhile effort and the coordinator, Kristin Meyler, has agreed to stay on and make sure that the alliance continues to do great work. He advised that the Environmental Commission, all volunteers, had town clean ups, beach clean ups, and worked with the Recycling Coordinator at the shredding event. He stated that for the shredding event the Borough received credit from Monmouth County. He advised that the Environmental Commission has installed fishing line collection bins at the Inlet. He advised that the Commission is working on removing evasive species from the dunes. He stated that during the clean ups food was collected for the Food Bank. He also advised that the DPW will be checking the health of the streams in town and that they will be working with several other agencies. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and welcomed the new Coast Star reporter to Manasquan. He thanked Council Member Bossone for all that he has done over the years as a council member.

Beach Committee – Council Member Bossone stated that the beach badge sales through today is \$141,455 which is higher then last years amount at this time. He stated the allotted amount of parking stickers, 600, have been sold out for December and that the other 600 will go on sale in April. He stated that the flag pole at the beach office has pulled away from the building do to rotting wood and that the building is getting worse and worse as time goes on. He stated that who ever takes over the beach committee should look at replacing the building. He stated that this is his last meeting and he would like to give a little recap of the three years that he has been a Council Member. He stated that in 2008 he chaired the Administration and Finance Committee and under this committee they put in place the ACH payments for water/sewer and for taxes shortly after that. He stated that at the end of 2008 there was 77 residents signed up for the water/sewer ACH payments, now there is 214 and for the taxes there was 18 residents and that now is up to 100. He stated that there was a refund from SMRSA for \$162,000. He went through the retirements of Joanne Madden and Penny Hamilton. He advised that Barbara Ilaria moved to fill the vacant position of Penny Hamilton. Nancy Acciavatti was hired to take over Barbara Ilaria's position. He stated that those positions have all changed again. He stated in 2009 he chaired the Beach Committee at which time he took the time to learn the beach operations, therefore, there was nothing added to the budget for any major improvements or purchases. He stated that beach badges prices were raised the following year. He stated that over \$1.7 million was taken in for 2010 and replaced about \$50,000 worth of surplus. He advised that over the past two years the Borough was able to repair or replace cracks in the black top, replaced the inlet walkway, replace playground equipment at Ocean Ave., purchase a utility truck, improved the railings at main beach and sea watch, put a curb cut near the coast guard station, installed a barricade at the inlet to protect the railings, added a bathroom attendant this past summer, added recycling cans on the beach and walkway, added more garbage cans on the beach and went to wristbands for daily badges and that the wristbands saved money. He thanked John Trengrove and Colleen Scimeca who have retired for all their help and the entire staff in the town. He also thanked his wife and kids for allowing him to serve the

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Borough of Manasquan for the last few years. He also thanked Mayor Dempsey who allowed him to be a part of his team. He thanked Council Member Lee and Donovan for their help and cooperation for the past few years. He thanked Council Member Lucas for guiding him in the right direction on certain items. Lastly, he thanked the residents of Manasquan that put him in the office that he held. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mario Gentile, 65 Ocean Avenue, asked about the refund of taxes for veterans. He asked if it was once a year.

Borough Administrator Joseph DeIorio stated that it is just once a year.

John Tischio, 17 Meadow Avenue, asked about the Bond for the Water Treatment Plant. He wanted to know if they gave us \$6.7 million cash.

Council Member Donovan stated that they disburse the money when the Borough submits the bills. He state that they didn't give it to us they held the \$6.7 million.

Mr. Tischio asked that if they are holding, we are only using \$3.5, but the borough is paying for them holding the money, so they are earning interest on it.

Council Member Donovan stated that they applied some of that interest to the first year's payment which was anticipated to be \$100,000. This was paid by the interest earned

Council Member Donovan explained the loan for the \$6.7 million bond.

There was a discussion on the loan and interest being paid with regard to the bond.

Mr. Tischio asked if anyone can go to the municipal government courses.

Mr. DeIorio advised that he believes that as long as the fee is paid anyone can go.

Ed Hyer, 56 Second Avenue, asked about the resolution for the vacation carryover. He stated that he has no problem with carrying over vacation, but he is concerned about long term expense and unfunded costs. He asked if there is a maximum limit of days that can be carried over.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the policy that is in place is that the employees of the borough can only carry over 1 years worth of time, after that they loose it.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to close the public session, seconded by Council Member Grasso Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lucas made a motion to close the work session meeting, seconded by Council Member Grasso, Motion carried unanimously

Council Member Bossone made a motion to close the regular meeting, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Municipal Clerk

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